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Hon. John Fogarty, M. C.,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

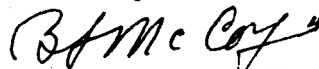
Dear Mr. Fogarty:--

Have just finished reading of your service with the "SeaBees" and your reasons for serving with them. On our ship we have many members of Organized Labor who have left home and country to serve as members of the SRU branch of the U. S. Naval Reserve. I, myself, have carried an IBEW ticket for the past twelve years. Speaking for the Union Labor service men here I wish to commend you highly for your action and your interest in the problems of the enlisted man who serves overseas. For quite some time we have wondered how soon some one would become interested enough to brave the certain criticism and look into this situation. We, ourselves, are powerless---any action on our part would be as foolhardy as Don Quixote's "Jousting with windmills".

This is not a "gripe" letter but one of sincere appreciation for the courage of a man who dared to inquire into our welfare. We were about ready to believe that we were forgotten, and you have given us a lift in morale. We trust you will continue with your work, now that you have the 'straight dope' from the men, themselves.

We wish to go on record as saying that we will follow you with interest and wont forget the "true Americans" when we return home. We dont wish to lose, during the war, all that we have fought for for the last generation or two. With a man "of the men" to champion our cause we have much less to fear.

Sincerely,



B. L. McCoy, EM3c, USNR
Editor of Ship's Newspaper.